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SUBJECT: UPI STORY ON JOHN J. SULLIVAN

FOLLOWING IS EXCERPT OF RELATIVE PORTION OF UPI STORY FILED BY BRUNO LOPEZ KUPITSKY FROM MEXICO CITY:

TWO RANKING GUERRILLAS RECENTLY RELEASED FROM SALVADORAN JAILS WEDNESDAY CHARGED THAT U.S.-BACKED REGIME ROUTINELY TORTURES REBEL PRISONERS.

AT A NEWS CONFERENCE IN MEXICO CITY, GUERRILLA JUAN JOSE DALTON ALSO SAID OTHER SALVADORAN PRISONERS REPORTED THAT MISSING U.S. JOURNALIST JOHN J. SULLIVAN HAS BEEN HELD FOR THE PAST 18 MONTHS IN AN ARMY JAIL.

"REVOLUTIONARY INTELLIGENCE SOURCES HAVE ASSURED US THAT JOHN SULLIVAN WAS KIDNAPPED AND IS BEING KEPT IN AN ARMY JAIL, WHERE HE IS ALIVE" SAID DALTON, THE SON OF SLAIN SALVADORAN POET ROQUE DALTON.

SULLIVAN, 29, OF BOGOTA, N.J., DISAPPEARED FROM HIS ROOM AT THE SAN SALVADOR SHERATON HOTEL HOURS AFTER HE ARRIVED DEC. 28, 1980. STOESSEL

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